



WHAT IS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH ?

1. A crime prevention program where neighbors "look out for each other."
2. A crime prevention program that encourages neighbor participants to get to know each other and their routines so that any out of place activity can be observed, recognized for what it is, reported and investigated.
3. A crime prevention program that teaches participants techniques to reduce the risk of being victimized at home, in their vehicles and in public places.
4. A crime prevention program which trains participants on the importance of recognizing suspicious activities and sounds, evaluating them and properly reporting them.
5. A crime prevention program which teaches participants how to make their homes more secure, how to properly identify their property and how to "look out for each other."
6. A cohesive body of concerned, involved, neighbor participants addressing many issues that concern the entire community.

YOU CAN GET INVOLVED !

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***A healthy, united community
is one of the strongest
deterrents to crime.***



**“The only thing needed
for the triumph of evil
is that good men and women
do nothing”
- Edmund Burke**

THE KEY TO SUCCESS

The keys to success in any neighborhood watch program are the participants' willingness to “LOOK OUT FOR EACH OTHER” and the ability of each individual participant to observe, recognize and immediately report suspicious activity.

Meetings are a very important activity to keep your group united and active. Neighborhood watch groups should plan regular meetings in order to discuss what is happening in your neighborhood, identify issues, plan activities and formulate action plans. As a minimum it is recommended that groups hold quarterly meetings. If there are important issues that need to be discussed, it may be necessary to hold meetings more frequently. Ultimately it is up to the group to gauge how frequently they should meet.

In addition to holding regular meetings, another way for your neighborhood to stay in communication with each other is through fliers, newsletters, periodic phone calls or activities. Without open and constant communication, neighborhood watch will fail.

A neighborhood watch program is a group effort. It will be important to identify some neighborhood goals. Goals for improving your neighborhood may include:

- helping neighbors get to know each other by holding social events
- holding regular neighborhood cleanups
- reducing crime
- forming a mobile patrol
- organizing opinions to share with government representatives

KEEP IT FUN

KEEP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP ACTIVE.

**SOME IDEAS FOR
STAYING TOGETHER:**
INFORMATION SHARING
CARPOOLING
GROUP MATERIAL BUYING
NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE
NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN UP
NEIGHBORHOOD INVENTORY
DISASTER PREPAREDNESS
WINTER EMERGENCY PLANNING
HOLIDAY DINNER GET-TOGETHER
PROGRESSIVE DINNER
BLOCK PARTY
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
CARD/GAME GROUPS
DISCUSSION GROUPS
KIDS PARADE
SUPPORT GROUPS
NEIGHBORHOOD GARDEN

WHY NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH?

- **Help to reduce crime and undesirable behavior in your neighborhood.**
- **Be more prepared for emergencies.**
- **Get to know your neighbors.**
- **Improve your quality of life.**
- **Increase your property value.**
- **Increase pride in your neighborhood.**

OBSERVATION

The availability of an unlimited number of neighborhood watch participants during a 24 hour a day, seven day a week period tremendously multiplies the effectiveness of the West Valley City Police Department's effort to prevent crime.

Observation takes many forms. From your home, a mobile home, apartment or condo, determine your best observation point. From your automobile, you can observe both the road and other activities. Many people walk or jog as a daily routine, going to and from the store or work, or for their own physical fitness. Observation and recognition skills play a large part of your mutual protection. Whatever your means of observation, use your head to determine if what you are observing is suspicious. Remember, observations are not only made by sight, but also from sounds and smells.

Recognition is of equal importance. Learn how to get a good description of the suspect: identify their vehicle, their method of operation and their activity. Recognize that when your neighbor is away on vacation, a stranger should not be coming in and out of their house. Recognize what is routine and what is suspicious.

AVAILABLE RESOURCES

Staying in communication with your neighbors often requires fliers, brochures, newsletters, posters, etc. Copies are available free of cost through the Neighborhood Services office. (24 hours required)

Crime statistics for your neighborhood are also available to you through the Police Department's Community Services Division. Please contact your Community Services officer or the Neighborhood Services office to make a request.

Brochures and handouts on many important topics are made available to neighborhood watch groups through the Neighborhood Services office.